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Applicant : Joseph CRESTIN et al.

Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No : 10/088,645

Examiner: A. M. Dunwoody

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For : AXIAL MAINTENANCE DEVICE FOR A CYLINDRICAL ELEMENT  
AND IN PARTICULAR A CABLE

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner For Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 23313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of December 29, 2003 finally rejecting claims 5-15, 17-24 and 26.

The following items are enclosed herewith:

- A request for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for three months.
- A check including the amount of \$640.00, of which \$475.00 is for the payment of the extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) and of which \$165.00 is for the payment of the appeal fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b).

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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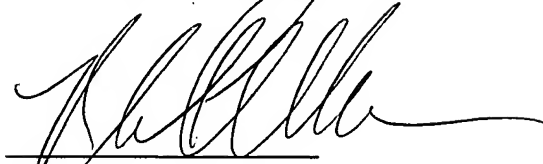
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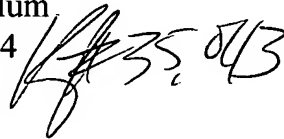
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